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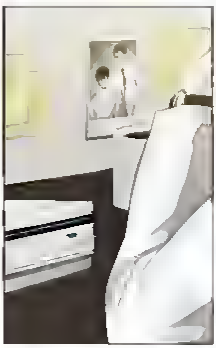
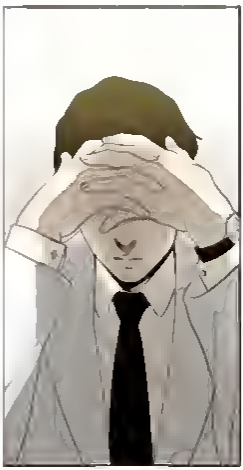
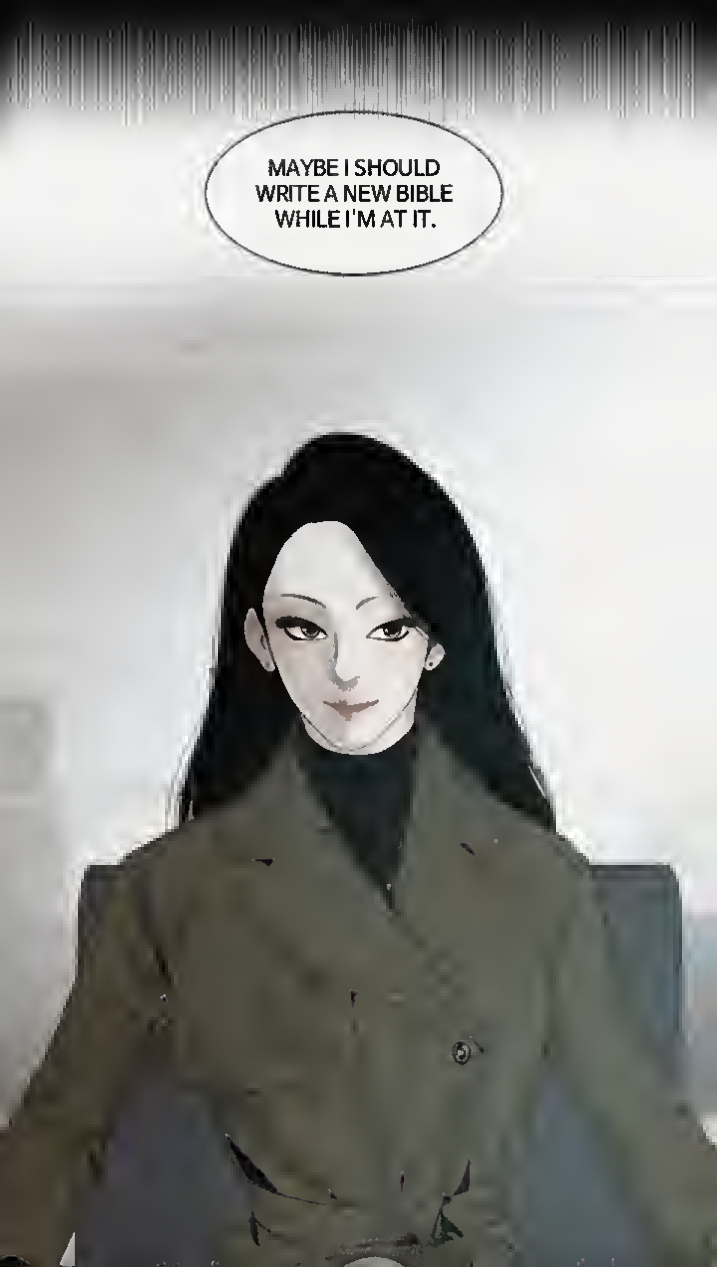




DID YOU SAY MUCH TO EL-01? YOU TWO SEEM LIKE YOU WOULD'VE HAD A LOT TO TALK ABOUT.
SQUEEZE
YOU'VE GOTTA KEEP AN EYE ON EL-01.


MAYBE I SHOULD
WRITE A NEW BIBLE
WHILE I'M AT IT.

I'D BETTER GO TO JANE'S HOUSE AND SEE EL-01 MYSELF.

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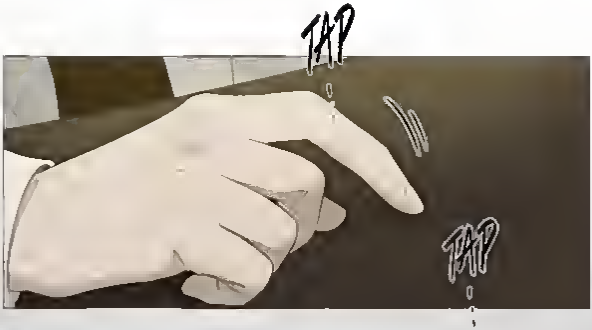
TAP
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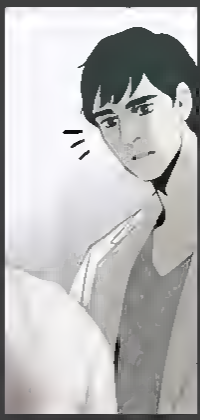
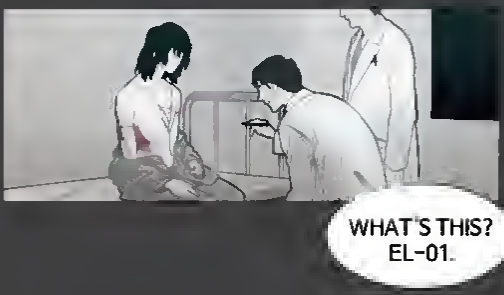
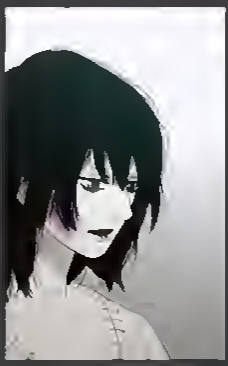
FLIP

EL-01. LET'S SEE THE THING YOU DID LAST TIME.
I'M TIRED. WITH THIS THING AND THE DAMN PARROT. WE'RE NOT MAKING ANY PROGRESS.
I'M GETTING SICK OF THIS. LET'S JUST FINISH UP AND GET OUTTA HERE.
STILL, AT LEAST WE VE GOT HIM HERE
THAT'S WHAT'S TIRING ME OUT EVEN MORE




WHAT'S THIS?
EL-01.



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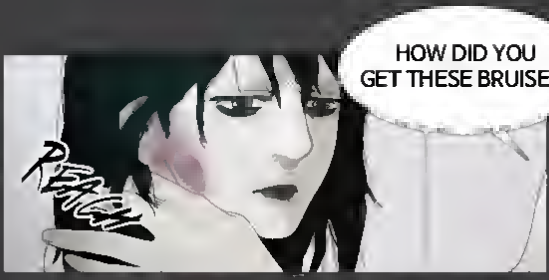
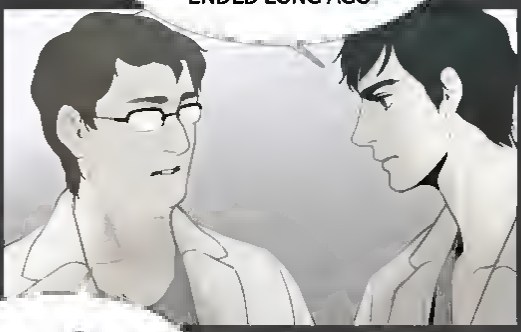

HOW DID YOU GET THESE BRUISES?
REAL

THE INSIDE OF YOUR MOUTH'S ALL BRUISED TOO!
TELL ME, EL-01. WHO DID THIS?

IS THERE ANYONE YOU THINK IT MIGHT–
HUBERT.

THIS IS ALL FOR OUR EXPERIMENT. WE NEED TO CONTINUE THE PAIN TOLERANCE EXPERIMENTS UNTIL WE GET SATISFACTORY RESULTS

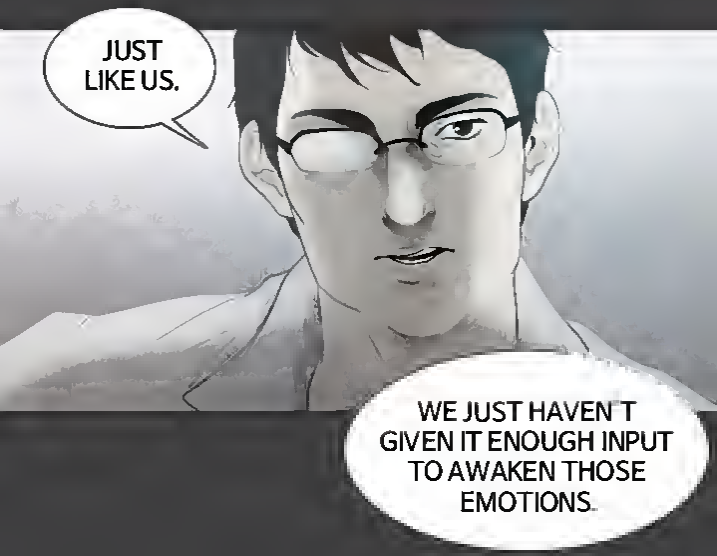
THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE AROUND HERE WANTS


THAT'S RIDICULOUS! I THOUGHT THOSE EXPERIMENTS HAD ALREADY ENDED LONG AGO.
THEY DIDN'T END- WE SIMPLY GAVE UP.

WE'VE GOT CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT HIS BRAIN IS PROCESSING INFORMATION NORMALLY, AND YET NO RESPONSE? IT MAKES NO SENSE.

LOOK.
ISN'T IT STRANGE? WHAT ON EARTH COULD EL-01 BE MISSING?
WHAT COULD IT BE THAT'S KEEPING HIM FROM HAVING ANY KIND OF EMOTIONS?

THAT THING HAS IT ALL,



AFTER CONSIDERING WHAT AN EVEN GREATER INPUT THAN BEFORE MIGHT BE...
DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE IT MUST BE SHAME?

YOU'RE CRAZY...

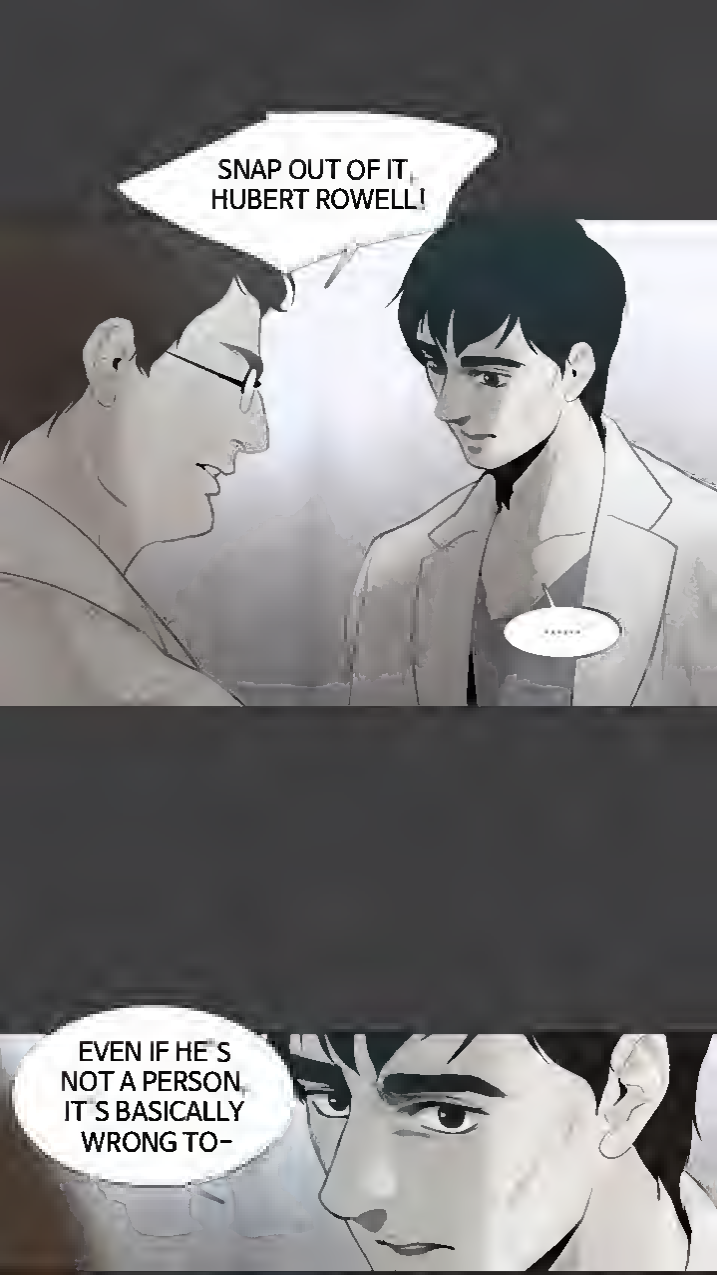
YOU'RE ALL INSANE!!
CLASP
HOW CAN YOU TALK LIKE THIS!!

WHO IS IT!
WHO'S THE ONE HURTING
HIM LIKE THIS-
LET-

LET GO
OF ME!
WRA

ARGH
DAMN IT!
JUST CUT IT
OUT ALREADY!!

DO YOU SERIOUSLY SEE IT AS A HUMAN BEING?
YOU SEEM TO BE DELUDING YOURSELF-
THERE'S STILL NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT EL-01 IS HUMAN, GOT IT?!


SNAP OUT OF IT, HUBERT ROWELL!
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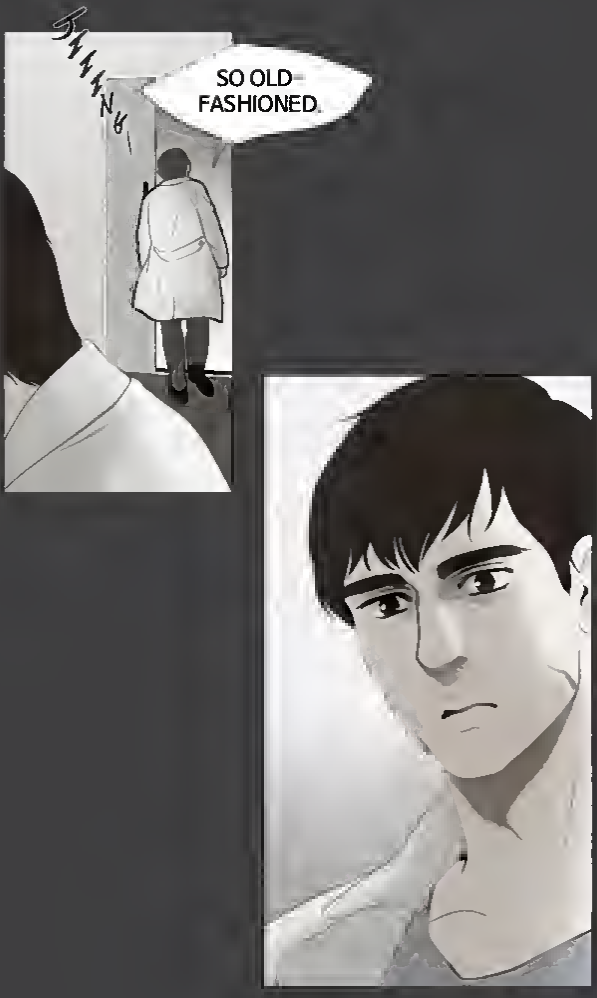
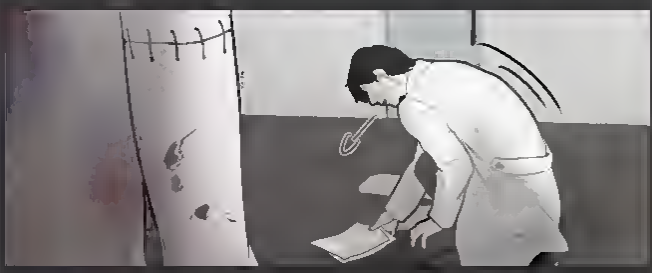
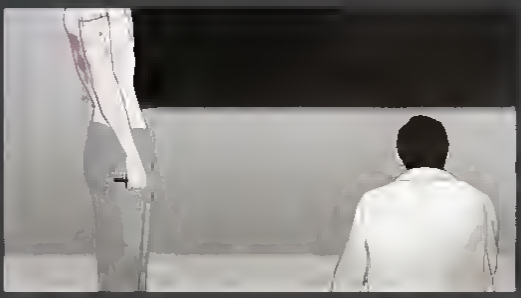
EVEN IF HE'S NOT A PERSON, IT'S BASICALLY WRONG TO-

THIS IS EXACTLY WHY EVERYONE AVOIDS YOU.
DO YOU REALIZE THAT?


SO OLD-FASHIONED.





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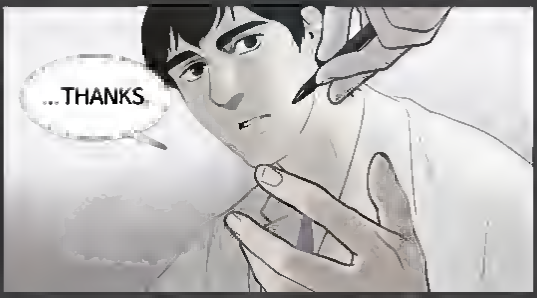
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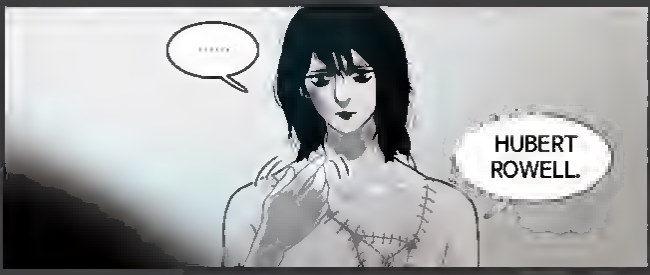
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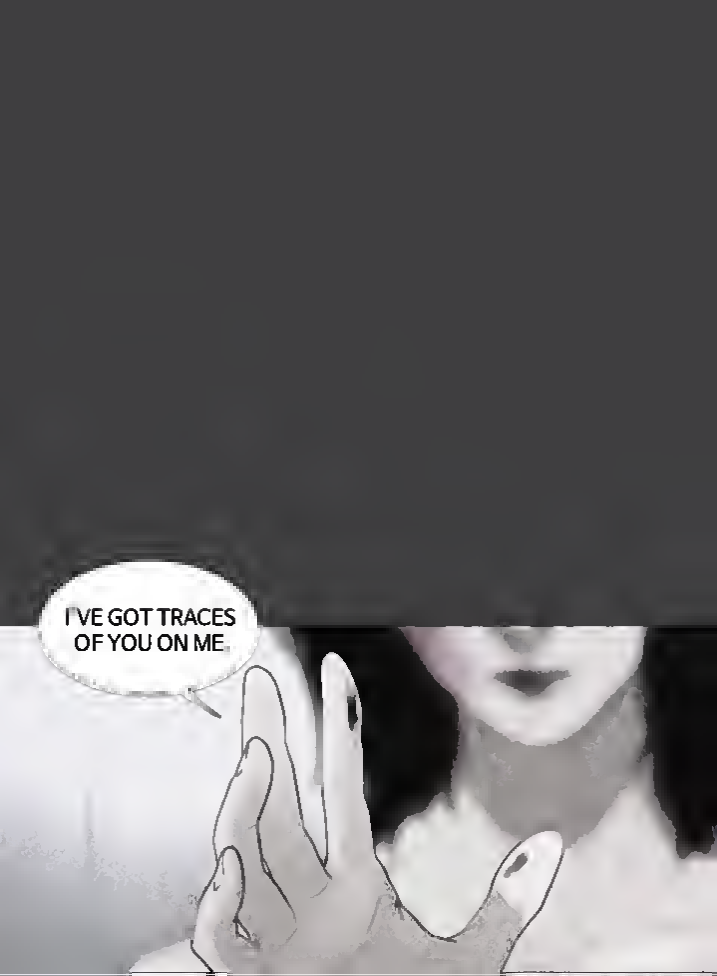
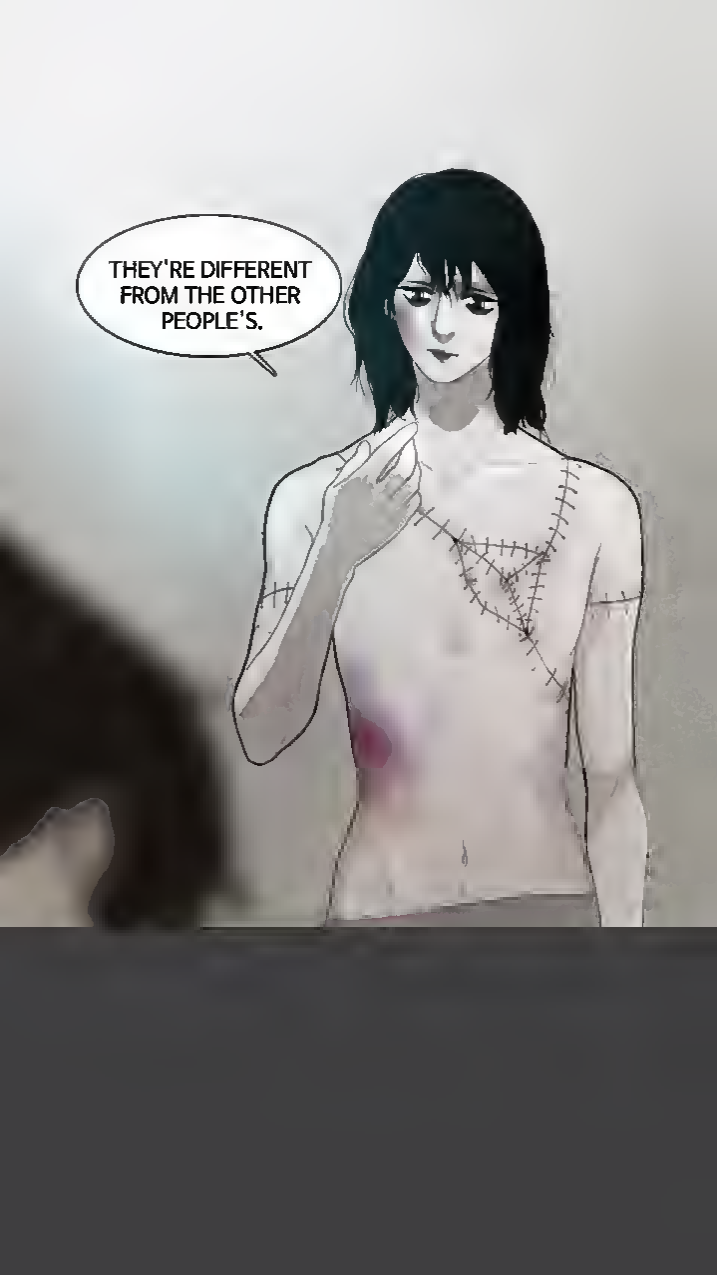
HUBERT ROWELL.


I'VE GOT TRACES
OF YOU ON ME.


THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER PEOPLE'S.

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STILL, WINTER

I FEEL BETTER AFTER TELLING YOU ALL THIS.

IT'S GOOD TO HEAR THAT.

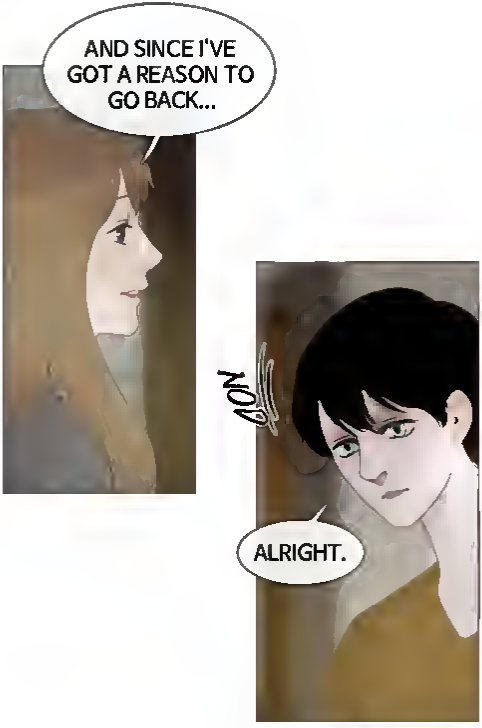
I'D BETTER GET GOING NOW.

I'M SORRY I COULDN'T SAY BYE TO JANE BEFORE GOING THOUGH...

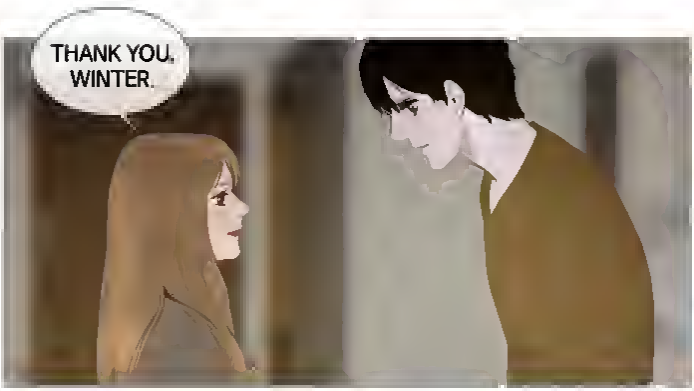
ADORA. ARE YOU REALLY OKAY?

WHAT IF YOU COLLAPSE AGAIN WHILE YOU'RE OUTSIDE...?

I'M FINE.
I'LL BE ALRIGHT,
REALLY.


AND SINCE I'VE GOT A REASON TO GO BACK...
NOD
ALRIGHT.

PLEASE TELL JANE I'LL COME BACK LATER AND REPAY HER FOR LETTING ME STAY HERE.
I'LL TELL HER WHEN SHE WAKES UP.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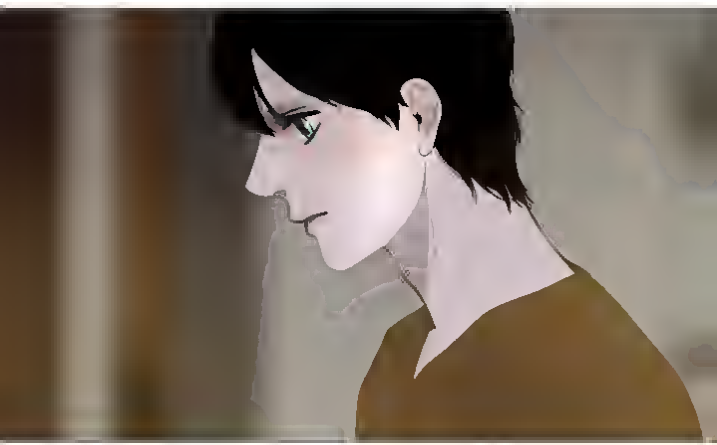

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